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SUBJECT: ETHIOPIAN RADIO ANNOUNCES DEFECTION OF SULTAN

ALI MIRAH HANFERE

REFS: (A) ADDIS 6335 (NOTAL); (B) ADDIS 6554 (EXDIS)

RADIO ETHIOPIA, AT 1400 HOURS LOCAL JUNE 5, AMHARIC NEWSCAST AND JUNE 6 PRESS CARRIED ANNOUNCEMENT THAT AFAR SULTAN ALI MIRAH HANFERE FLED TO DJIBOUTI "IN A PANIC" FOLLOWING CLASH OF HIS FOLLOWERS WITH PMAC. ALI MIRAH IS CHARACTERIZED AS CLOSE FRIEND OF EX-EMPEROR HAILE SELASSIE, EX-CROWN PRINCE ASFA WOSSEN AND RAPACIOUS LARGE LANDOWNER. ANNOUNCEMENT ASSERTS THAT SECURITY FORCES ARE BRINGING FIGHTING UNDER CONTROL WHICH BROKE OUT "BETWEEN ALI MIRAH'S SUPPORTERS AND THE AFAR MASSES" WHEN SULTAN'S LAND GIVEN LATTER. ANNOUNCEMENT ALSO STATES THAT SULTAN OWES E\$17 MILLION WHICH HE BORROWED FOR DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS IN HIS REGION.

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